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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2240

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SUBJECT: MARCH 27 MEETING WITH LPF ON RELEASE OF NINE U. S. PWS
CAPTURED IN LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 2231

1. AT 0900 MARCH 27 DCM DEAN, ACCOMPANIED BY FSO RAND, CALLED ON SOTH PHETRASY, RESIDENT LPF REP IN VIENTIANE, IN LINE WITH LATTER' S REQUEST MADE AT LAST NIGHT' S MEETING (PARA 2 REFTEL). SOTH REPEATED AT TODAY' S MEETING INFORMATION WE HAD REPORTED LAST NIGHT IN REFTEL CONFIRMING THAT CHIEF OF LPF REPRESENTATION IN HANOI, KHAMPAY BOUPHA, WILL BE INVOLVED IN TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NINE PRISONERS TO BE HANDED OVER TO U. S. AUTHORITIES AT GIA LAM AIRPORT ON MARCH 28. HE REITERATED THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN MANDATED BY LPF TO WORK OUT DIRECTLY WITH U. S. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ACTUAL RELEASE IN HANOI.

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2. IN AN EFFORT TO JUSTIFY RELEASE IN HANOI OF THE U. S. PRISONERS CAPTURED IN LAOS, SOTH LAUNCHED INTO LONG EXPLANATION OF INTERRELATIONSHIP OF EVENTS IN THREE INDOCHINA STATES. HE STRESSED THAT FORTHCOMING RELEASE OF NINE U. S. PRISONERS IS IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT U. S. REQUEST MADE MARCH 20 (VIENTIANE 2058) AND INTERPRETED ACT AS A SIGN OF LPF " GOOD WILL" AND LPF DESIRE TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH USG TO HELP RESTORE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN LAOS.

3. SOTH THEN HANDED DCM A NOTE VERBALE WHICH IN ESSENCE REPEATED MARCH 26 PATHET LAO BROADCAST (FBIS BANGKOK 261118 Z MARCH 73) AND WHICH MAKES THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) IT REFERS TO SOTH PHETRASY' S INTERVIEW WITH U. S. EMBASSY REPS AT WHICH U. S. REQUESTED RELEASE OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAPTURED IN LAOS.

(B) IT ACCUSED U. S. AND RLG OF USING AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING B-52' S TAKING OFF FROM U. S. MILITARY BASES IN THAILAND TO RAID AND RECONNOITER LPF- CONTROLLED AREAS. IT ACCUSED U. S. OF URGING FAR TO CONTINUE MILITARY OPERATIONS AND OF DROPPING COMMANDOS FOR SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES IN THE LPF ZONE. THESE ALLEGED ACTS ARE CITED AS VIOLATIONS OF FEBRUARY VIENTIANE AGREEMENT.

(C) HOWEVER, PROMPTED BY GOOD WILL AND IN ORDER TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR THE VIENTIANE NEGOTIATIONS TO PROGRESS, LPF HAS AGREED TO U. S. PROPOSAL AND IS READY TO SET FREE AT ANY TIME THE U. S. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAPTURED IN LAOS DURING THE WAR.

(D) LPF URGES USG AND RLG TO SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT BY STOPPING ALL BOMBING, AS WELL AS DROPPING OF COMMANDOS ON LPF AREAS. USG MUST ALSO ESTABLISH DATE FOR THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS. IT CALLS ON USG TO INFLUENCE RLG TO HAVE A SERIOUS ATTITUDE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL .

(E) WITH THE CONSENT OF THE DRV, THE LPF HAS DECIDED THAT THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT GIA LAM AIRPORT AT
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ANY TIME. THE LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS ASKED THE DRV TO KEEP

THE USG INFORMED OF THE MODALITIES OF THAT RELEASE.

4. DCM REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT LPF DOCUMENT BECAUSE IT
INCLUDED UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS. SPECIFIC
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